



The Young Entrepreneur

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Art Competition

In October 2011 the NUFC Foundation sent out a flyer asking for poster entries to a city wide art competition. The theme of the A3 poster had to be NUFC or the North East Community, or it could be about team work and passion. Some Year 7s, 8s, 9s, and Year 10 BTEC Art took part in the competition run by Miss Robinson.

There were some fantastic, creative, and original designs produced – notably from Ricky Regan, Richard Curtis and Jamie McMurray. The NUFC Foundation eventually managed to judge all the entries and chose: Dillon Shoulder, Aidan McMahan, Samira Khanum and Courtney Walton as city wide winners.

Their work will now be displayed at St James' Park (as we still know it) and everyone from Armstrong is very proud of the entrants.

Christmas Card Competition

This was a lunchtime club run by Miss Robinson and the winning design was produced by Humaira Sardar in Year 7. She produced a block print of a Christmas stocking using white acrylic and black.

Important Dates

Armstrong School closes at 2pm on Friday 16th December 2011. School reopens to all pupils on Tuesday 3rd January 2012 at 8:30 am.

Merry Christmas

Staff and pupils at Armstrong school would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Vivos



You are probably wondering what 'Vivos' are. Vivos have replaced the merit system. Pupils get vivo points for displaying positive behaviour, 100% attendance, completing work to a high standard and handing in homework, to name a few. Once they collect enough vivos pupils can buy items from a catalogue with the points they receive. The more points they get the bigger rewards pupils can claim. This great system has been launched this year. Teachers think Vivos are a great motivator, for all pupils.

New Planner

Armstrong School has given planners to all pupils. The new planners replace target sheets and the pupils have to record their levels, targets, results and timetable. The planner has information on subjects, spellings and the school calendar. Can we ask parents to check planners weekly, please!





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Assembly Singers



Mr. Farrar is giving young people the opportunity to stand up and perform by singing in assembly. This will boost their confidence to perform in front of a wider audience. Hopefully these amazing stars will keep on improving

and hopefully become famous one day. Well done to this term's performers.

Watch out Little Mix !!

Early Entry Maths

This year a selection of Year 9 pupils as well as the whole of Year 10 were entered early for their GCSE maths exam. If they are successful in gaining a grade C they can aspire to a higher grade in the next round of exams. The advantage of early entry, according to Mr Jones, is that it helps ease the pressure on pupils whilst studying for other GCSE subjects. He also stated that it serves to motivate pupils at an early age and helps to increase their self-confidence, giving them a 'can do' attitude.

Entering pupils is not cheap however, Mr Jones estimates the total cost per pupil for exams is around the £90 mark. He stated that pupils in Armstrong School and across the Academy are worth the investment as he believes all of the pupils at the Academy are capable of great things.



Children In Need

Armstrong School sent £450 to Children In Need. All the staff and pupils took part in raising the money. The children had a party and a buffet lunch kindly prepared by Mr Jones. There was a karaoke, sports activities and lots more. A fun day was had by all.

Shoe Box Appeal

All the pupils and staff in Armstrong School took part. More than 20 boxes were donated with items such as teddy bears, colouring books and pens and many more gifts. Thanks to all parents who supported this. We interviewed a pupil Sandra Jagla to find out what she enjoyed about the shoe box appeal. "I really enjoyed the shoe box project because everyone worked as a team to help give to children who have very little".





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Get To Know Your Teacher



Miss Youens



Miss Youens is an English teacher who grew up in Byker. She lived with her Mum, Dad and her dog Brandy. When she was nine she moved to Heaton until she was twenty six. At this age she flew the nest and landed in Wallsend. Miss Youens attended St Catherine's primary and Sacred Heart secondary school. Miss Youens loved school and her favourite subject was History. She thinks that the History teacher was amazing (even though he locked her in the stock cupboard as punishment for talking too much!). She finally decided on secondary school teaching after teaching 'English as a Foreign Language' to adults. Miss Youens studied at Durham University which she said were "the Best Days of My Life". She likes a lot of things such as: food, music, watching animal videos on you tube, Adidas and feeding ham to her neighbour's cat, 'Guinness'!

Even though Miss Youens likes a lot of thing she still has some dislikes such as: bugs, flying and being told by her neighbour to stop feeding ham to their cat!

Armstrong Awards

Armstrong Awards took place on October 19th to celebrate the success and achievements of our pupils. Awards were given for Excellence in subjects, Attendance and Special awards such as Ambassador Award and Community Award. Music was performed by Rhianon Chapman and Dejana Petrovic. Year 11 pupils from 2010-2011 also returned to collect awards for their exam success.

Sporting Success

Armstrong pupil Dillon Shoulder spent a week in Madeira, Portugal training and competing with the Madeira Judo club. Dillon returned with a Gold Medal. Recently he also met Price Andrew through charity fundraising at his local Judo club. Well done and good luck for future competitions! Watch this space for Olympic success!!!



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Year 7 Settle in.



Holiday Poem

Holidays are here again
Everyone shout and sing.
Celebration is in the air
People smiling everywhere.

Snowflakes are falling from up above.
Children are smiling full of love.
Reindeers flying high in the sky, while Santa
eats the cookies and mince pies.
As winter turns colder our noses go red and we
all like to be tucked up in bed.
So relax and unwind at Christmas time.

Christmas Word Search



S	D	S	S	C	A	N	D	Y	V	D	W
A	L	L	N	O	W	D	A	S	H	E	R
C	A	E	O	M	U	O	N	A	V	E	E
K	C	D	W	E	L	N	C	N	I	R	A
W	U	T	M	T	K	N	E	T	X	D	T
W	P	R	A	N	C	E	R	A	E	E	H
Q	I	E	N	M	H	R	U	F	N	L	V
Y	D	E	V	U	I	V	D	G	I	F	T
G	R	R	C	P	M	T	O	Y	S	B	B
P	R	E	S	E	N	T	L	R	T	I	E
B	L	I	T	Z	E	N	P	B	A	L	L
F	R	O	S	T	Y	V	H	I	R	W	L

BALL	DEER	SANTA
BELL	DONNER	SLED
BLITZEN	ELF	SNOWMAN
CANDY	FROSTY	STAR
CHIMNEY	GIFT	TOY
COMET	PRANCER	TREE
CUPID	PRESENT	VIXEN
DANCER	RUDOLPH	WREATH
DASHER	SACK	